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Title : **INPUT MONITORING SYSTEM FOR  
OPTICAL AMPLIFYING REPEATER**  
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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 1999, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire on November 16, 1999, please amend the subject application as follows: